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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the Joint Legislative Claims Committee; creating s. 11.81, F.S.; establishing the Joint Legislative Claims Committee; providing for membership and appointment; providing for governance of the committee by joint rules; providing for the designation of a special master; providing an effective date.

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. Section 11.81, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

Joint Legislative Claims Committee.-

There is created a standing joint committee of the Legislature designated the Joint Legislative Claims Committee, composed of ten members as follows: five members of the Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate, and five members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The terms of members shall be for 2 years and shall run from the organization of one Legislature to the organization of the next Legislature. Vacancies occurring during the interim period shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint the chair in the odd years and the vice chair in even years, and the President of the Senate shall appoint the chair in even years and the vice chair in odd years, from among the committee membership.

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- (2) The committee shall be governed by joint rules of the Senate and House of Representatives which shall remain in effect until repealed or amended by concurrent resolution.
- (3) The committee may, at anytime, regardless of whether the Legislature is in session, and in connection with a currently-filed claim bill, exercise all powers vested in a standing or select committee pursuant to s. 11.143.
- (4) The special master shall be designated jointly by the Speaker and the President, and shall serve at the pleasure of each presiding officer.
  - Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

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